

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/057,459

Applicant(s)

NOLFO ET AL.

Examiner

Elizabeth Quan

Art Unit

1743

All Participants:(1) Elizabeth Quan.(2) Robert L. Epstein.**Status of Application:** Allowance

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Date of Interview: 20 April 2004**Time:** _____**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

N/A

Claims discussed:

42-73

Prior art documents discussed:

N/A

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet***Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner requested clarification of the means-plus-function language in the claims in order to perfect the claims for allowance. Attorney indicated that the source selection portion of claims 42 and 53, which corresponds to the first portion of claim 63, is reflected by the front or input portion (34) with the multiple-way fluid control valve (48), L-shaped connecting stem (50), pressure relief valve (52), and T-shaped stem (54) of the instant application. Attorney indicated that the means for selecting one of the fluid sources and for connecting the selected source to the valve portion of claims 42 and 53, which corresponds to the means for selecting one of the fluid sources and for connecting the selected source to the intermediate portion of claim 63, is reflected by the multiple-way fluid control valve (48) of the instant application. Attorney indicated that the means for separately connecting each of the fluid distribution channels to each of the reaction vessels in a different of said reaction vessel sets, respectively, of claims 42 and 63 or different one of said rows, respectively, of claim 53, is reflected by channel (82) of the instant application. Upon discussing valves, it was decided that first and second valves in claims 42 and 53 or plurality of valves in claim 63 be clarified by replacing it with first and second valve bodies or plurality of valve bodies, respectively, and first and second valves in claims 51 and 61 or each of the valves in claim 72 be replaced by independent actuating means to provide consistency when referring to the means for independently actuating the valve bodies to connect the source selecting means in said source selection portion in claims 42 and 53 or first portion in claim 63 and said fluid distribution channel in said fluid distribution portion in claims 42 and 53 or second portion in claim 63 associated with the actuated valve body as the valve stems (90) of the instant application. Regarding claims 50, 60, and 71, Attorney indicated that the means for connecting one of said fluid sources and said interior space of said shield is reflected by port (100) for introducing inert gas of the instant application. .